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1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

IN LETTER TO SECSTATE/SECDEF, SEN MCGOVERN URGES US WITHDRAW VETO VN'S APPLICATION FOR UN SEAT. SAYS VETO MAKES US APPEAR "WEAK AND RIDICULOUS," SINCE RELIES ON "CONTRIVED" MIA ISSUE (AP, NYT).

USSR/VN SIGN AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE VISITS BY TOURISTS (REUTER, LAT 11/26).

SOUVANNA'S SON IN PARIS SAYS FATHER IS PL PUPPET, LIVES CUT OFF FROM WORLD. ADDS SOUVANNA HAD TOO MUCH CONFIDENTIALITY
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DENCE IN HALF-BROTHER SOUPHANOUVONG. BELIEVES PM KAYSONE PHOMVIHANE'S GROUP HOLDS REAL LEADERSHIP- SOUVANNA'S SON HAS WRITTEN RECENTLY-PUBLISHED BOOK, "THE AGONY OF LAOS" (KAMM, NYT).

CAMBODIA/THAILAND BEGIN BORDER TALKS TO PREVENT FURTHER CLASHES. MTGS AT POIPET IN CAMBODIA (REUTER, LAT 11/27).

MONSOON IN S THAILAND KILLS AT LEAST 12; FLOODS AFFECT 16,000 FAMILIES (REUTER, WP).

2. THAILAND/MALAYSIA

RTG PM THANIN ARRIVES PENANG TO DISCUSS JOINT EFFORTS FIGHT 3000 MALAYSIAN COMMUNISTS ESTIMATED OPERATING ALONG BORDER (AP, NYT).

3. CHINA

IN CBS-TV CRONKITE INTERVIEW, PRES-ELECT CARTER SAID HE HAS LEARNED FROM HAK THERE IS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SOVIET AND CHINESE ASSURANCES. REPORTED HAK ACKNOWLEDGED HE KNEW OF NO INSTANCE WHEN SOVIET "FLAT STATEMENT" TURNED OUT TO BE LIE--BUT THAT INDIRECT SOVIET STATEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO INTERPRETATION. ON OTHER HAND, SAID HAK RECALLED THAT PRC DID NOT DEAL IN SUBTLETIES TO EXTENT AS SOVIET--IF CHINESE MAKE STATEMENT, "YOU CAN DEPEND ON IT" (REUTER 11/29).

SOVIET NEGOTIATOR ILYICHEV AND PRC DEPUTY FM YU CHAN SAT DOWN TOGETHER TUES FOR FIRST TIME IN 18 MONTHS TO REOPEN BORDER DISPUTE TALKS. REUTER'S GRIFFITHS (PEKING) SAYS MANY OBSERVERS FEEL LIMITED UNDERSTANDING TO REDUCE BORDER TENSIONS COULD RESULT FROM PRESENT TALKS.

PEKING RELEASES FOR FIRST TIME DETAILED PRODUCTION FIGURES SHOWING IMPORTANCE OF TANGSHAN BEFORE FLATTENED BY JULY 28 EARTHQUAKE. ACCORDING LATEST EDITION "PEKING REVIEW," IN 1976 ALONE TANGSHAN AREA PRODUCED MORE THAN 27 MILL TONS COAL, OVER 880,000 TONS STEEL, 3,100 MILL KILOWATT HOURS ELECTRICITY, 1.2 MILLION TONS CEMENT (REUTER PEKING)

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NCNA SAID TUES THAT CHIANG CHING PREACHED WOMEN'S LIB TO FURTHER HER "DREAM" OF BECOMING PRC EMPRESSGM VCHARGED THAT WHILE ALLEGEDLY FIGHTING TO RAISE WOMEN'S STATUS, SHE CLEARLY MEANT NOT WORKING WOMEN, BUT "WOMEN BOURGEOIS CAREERISTS LIKE HER WHO RIDE ROUGHSHOD OVER THE LABORING PEOPLE" (REUTER HK).

PEOPLE'S DAILY REPORTED MONDAY THAT MAO TOOK PERSONAL INTEREST IN HUA EARLY AS 1959 WHEN HE PERSONALLY NOMINATED HXA TO BE HUNAN CCP CMTE SECRETARY. ACCORDING MEN WHO WORKED UNDER HUA DURING HIS-DAYS AS PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR, HE ALWAYS TOOK CLEAR-CUT/FIRM STAND. NCNA MONDAY REPORT ADDED THAT MAO HINTED TO HUA HE WAS AWARE CHIANG

CHING WAS PLOTTING TO USURP LEADERSHIP AFTER HIS DEATH
(REUTER PEKING 11/29).

PRC PARADED ALL-STAR CAST OF LEADERS AT ALBANIAN NATIONAL
DAY RECEPTION MONDAY NIGHT--LI HSIEN-NIEN, YEH CHIEN-YING,
CHEN YUNG-KUEI--TO HONOR ALBANIA, IN MOVE DESIGNED DEMON-
STRATE RELS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES STILL WARM AS EVER
(REUTER PEKING 11/29). IN CABLE TO ALBANIAN LEADERS, HUA
ASSURED THAT CLOSE LINKS BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES WILL CON-
TINUE, DESPITE MAO'S DEATH (REUTER VIENNA 11/29).

4. KOREA

NYT'S HALLORAN, CITING "KOREAN (SOURCE) WITH ACCESS TO
SEOUL'S DECISIONS," REPORTS KCIA STATION CHIEF HERE, KIM
YUNG HWAN, RECALLED TO SK W/OTHER AGENCY OFFICERS. KCIA
US APPARATUS REORGANIZE UNDER PRES PARK'S SON-IN-LAW,
DEPAMB ROK UN OBSERVER MISSION HAN PYUNG KI. KIM EXPECTED
RETURN SEOUL SOON, BUT ROK EMB WASH REFUSES COMFIRM/DENY
TRANSFER. WITHDRAWALS INTENDED CUT OFF INFO SOURCES FOR
FED PROBE KOREAN INFLUENCE-PEDDLING/HARASSMENT ACTIVITIES.

SEN STEVENS (R-ALASKA) STATES HE REJECTED CHECK FOR "EITHER
2,500 OR 5,000 DOLS" OFFERED HIM 1971/72 BY SK "FISH
PROCESSING FIRM"--SAYS MEMORY HAZY, BUT RETURN CHECK CLEAR
(WSTAR 11/29).

PARAMOUNT PICS ASKS FED JUDGE STOP UNFAIR/DECEPTIV" ADVER-
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TISING FOR SK FILM "APE," NOW ALLEGEDLY TRYING CASH IN ON
PUBLICITY FOR US CONTEMPORARY VERSION "KING KONG" (REUTER
11/29).

CANPOTEX LTD ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT REACHED ON IMPORTANT NEW
LONG-TERM CONTRACT TO SUPPLY SK'S NAMHAE'S TOTAL POTASH
NEEDS TILL END 1980 (JOC).

5. RAPAN

SPEAKING AT FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB IN TOKYO FRI,
FONMIN KOSAKA INDICATED JAPAN WOULD ADVISE CARTER FOLLOW
"STAND-PAT" EA POLICY, INCL MAINTANING US TROOPS IN SK
IN ORDER AVOID "DISRUPTION OF EQUILIBRIUM" ON PENINSULA.
ALSO INDICATED CARTER WOULD BE URGED NOT ABANDON TAIWAN
DEF TREATY (JAMESON, LAT 11/27).

NAKAMIKADO (REUTER TOKYO 11/30) REPORTS PRESENT ELECTION
CAMPAIGN RELATIVELY LOW KEY, WITH LOCKHEED/ECON RECESSION
DOMINANT ISSUES. LDP EXPECTED WIN AGAIN, DESPITE LEFT-
WING OPPOSITION ATTEMPTS DISCREDIT PARTY. FON MINISTRY
SOURCES SAY NEXT GOVT WILL SEEK DIALOGUE W/NEW US ADMIN,

INCL POSSIBLE SUMMIT MTG. ALSO HOPES CONCLUDE PEACE/
FRIENDSHIP TREATY W/PRC, PATCH UP STRAINED RELS W/USSR.

JAMESON (11/28) NOTES JAPAN'S NEW CAMPAIGN SPENDING LAW HAS
DRIED UP "BOTTOMLESS WELLS" OF MONEY W/O ENCOURAGING NEW
SOURCES FOR POL CONTRIBUTIONS. DESPITE FACT LDP UNABLE
PROVIDE CANDIDATES W/PLANNED SUBSIDY 33,333 DOLS EACH,
JAPAN'S POLITICIANS EXPECTED SPEND 50 PCT MORE ON ELEC-
TIONEERING THAN US CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES DID LAST MONTH.

JAPAN SENT MISSION TO OTTAWA 11/27 IN ORDER OBTAIN DATA ON
CANADA'S IMPROVED VERSION LOCKHEED P-3C AS PART DEF DEPT'S
EFFORT SELECT JAPAN'S NEW ANTISUB PATROL PLANE (REUTER
TOKYO, LAT 11/27).

HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI MAYORS LEFT FOR NY THURS TO APPEAL FOR
NUKE ARMS BAN AT UN. WILL ALSO TOUR FRISCO LA OTHER
CITIES TO MEET ATOM BOMB VICTIMS LIVING IN US (REUTER
TOKYO, LAT 11/26).

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MITI ANNOUNCES 3RD CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY DECLINE IN JAPAN'S
INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY INDICATORS; SAYS PROSPECT FOR IMPROVE-
MENT IN COUNTRY'S ECONOMY THIS YEAR/EARLY '77 GROWING DIM
(WP).

ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS GROUNDS 7 OF ITS 16 LOCKHEED JETS FOR
ENGINE INSPECTION AFTER EXPLOSION LAST WEEK (LAT 11/28).

NEW ORDERS FOR POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT IN JAPAN
DROPPED 20.5 PCT FROM LAST YEAR'S APRIL-SEPT PERIOD (UPI,
JOC).

6. PHILIPPINES

IN 1ST OF SEVERAL PLANNED LEGAL INCENTIVES REDUCE BIRTHS,
MARCOS AUTHORIZES SOCIAL SECURITY FUNDS FOR STERILIZATION.
DECREE SUPPLEMENTS FREE STERILIZATION PROGRAM (NYT).

7. AUSTRALIA/NZ/PNG

AUSTRALIAN DEVALUATION PROMPTS SIMILAR ACTION BY NZ/PNG.
NZ DEVALUES 12.7 PCT AGAINST AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR, 7 PCT
AGAINST ALL OTHER CURRENCIES; PNG DEVALUES 12.5 PCT
AGAINST AUSTRALIA, 7.25 AGAINST ALL OTHERS (UPI, NYT;
WSTAR11/29; WP).

8. GENERAL

UNESCO TABLES RESOLUTION ON DISSEMINATION OF NEWS AFTER
US/OTHERS ATTACKED IT AS ADVOCATING STATE CONTROL OF NATL
MEDIA/INTL NEWS FLOW. SOVIETS DENIED CHARGE, ACCUSED US/

FRANCE/JAPAN OF REFUSING NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY ON ISSUE
(UPI, NYT; AP, CHITRIB).
SOVIET ROCKET TESTS WILL BE CONDUCTED 11/30-12/30 IN
PACIFIC 400 MILES SE MIDWAY, 750 MILES W HAWAII. USSR HAS
ASKED FOR SHIPS/AIRCRAFT STAY OUT OF REGION WHILE TESTS
CONTINUE (LAT 11/27).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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9. KOREA

CSM REPRINTS "THE AUSTRALIAN" (SYDNEY) EDIT MOCKING RECENT
NK SMUGGLING/BLACKMARKET ESCAPADES SCANDINAVIA. CREDITS
"RESPECTED AND BELOVED LEADER" KIM IL SUNG WITH "BREAK-
THROUGH IN SOLVING NORTH KOREA'S ENDEMIC FOREIGN EXCHANGE
PROBLEMS."

JEFF COOLIDGE, CHAIRMAN HARVARD EASIA PROGRAM/MEMBER US-
KOREA ECON COUNCIL, WRITES NYT EXPRESSING CONCERN LEST
US LONG-RANGE INTERESTS/RESPONSIBILITIES ASIA AND KOREA BE
UNDULY DAMAGED BY CURRENT PROBES RE ROK ACTIVITIES.
ASSERTS ALLEGATIONS "HAVE POISONED THE ATMOSPHERE OF POLI-
TICAL DISCUSSION" RE OUR SECURITY COMMITMENTS ASIA. HOPES
CONGRESSMEN WILL HAVE COURAGE VOTE ON OUR SECURITY
INTERESTS W/O FEARING TARRING W/BRUSH SCANDAL.

NYT'S MALCOLM FINDS BOOMING SK ECONOMY SOMEWHAT CLOUDED BY
OCT FALL ECON INDICATORS INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS,
AND EXPORT LETTERS CREDIT AFTER MONTHS OF GROWTH. SOME
ANALYSTS SAY DECLINES COULD BE TEMPORARY FLUCTUATIONS, BUT
MIGHT PRESAGE ARRIVAL ROK OF ECON LULL THAT HIT US LAST
SUMMER.

JAMESON (LAT 11/28) DOES LENGTHY DESCRIPTIVE PIECE RE NEW
US AMB RESIDENCE SEOUL: "A SHOWPLACE OF AGELESS KOREAN
ARCHITECTURE BLENDED WITH CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN FURNISH-
INGS."

10. CHINA

NYT SAYS WITH PROSPECTS DIM FOR SINO-SOVIET RAPPROCHEMENT,
BEST POLICY FOR US AT THIS POINT IS CONTINUE EFFORTS IMPROVE
RELS WITH BOTH. WHILE SOVIET UNDOUBTEDLY MORE OF POTENTIAL
THREAT TO US THAN IS PEKING, POSSIBLE SINO-SOVIET ACCOMMO-
DATION CANNOT BE AVERTED BY FRANTIC WOOING OF PRC THROUGH
SUCH MOVES AS ABANDONING TAIWAN OR SELLING PEKING SOPHIS-
TICATED CONVENTIONAL ARMS; FIRST UNLIKELY WIN LARGE OR
LASTING CHINESE GRATITUDE, SECOND COULD SOUR SOVIET-US
RELS WITHOUT SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING SOVIET MIL SUPERIORITY
OVER PRC. NEEDED IS ASTUTE US DIPLOMACY TO MAKE TRIANGULAR

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RELATIONSHIP KEY FACTOR IN PRESERVATION OF PEACE.

SAN FRAN CHRON (11/23) SEES TIME RUNNING OUT FOR DECISION ON NORMALIZING RELS WITH PRC, WHILE AT SAME TIME ABRUPTLY ENDING US ALLIANCE WITH ROC WOULD BE "WRENCH FOR AMERICANS THAT SHOULD NOT BE POLITICALLY UNDERESTIMATED." FEELS WOULD BE GOOD IDEA FOR CARTER PUT MANSFIELD IN CHARGE OF NORMALIZATION PROCESS--"AND AFTER HE WINDS IT UP" APPOINT SEN "AMBASSADOR TO PEKING."

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK) OBSERVES NEW CHINESE LEADERSHIP APPEARS HAVING DIFFICULTY DECIDING HOW FAR/FAST TO PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST "GANG OF FOUR." NOTES ISSUE INVOLVES NOT ONLY FOLLOWERS OF FOUR, BUT AFFECTS MANY WHO COOPERATED WITH THEM, OFTEN IN EFFORT GAIN PROMOTION. POINTS OUT PURGE COULD LEAD TO KIND OF CHAOS HUA SEEMS WISH AVO-D, AND WOULD DISRUPT HIS EFFORTS RETURN TO CHOU'S PROGRAM OF MODERNIZING NATION BY END OF CENTURY.

SUN'S WU (HK) CITES REPORTS THAT CHIAO KUAN-HUA HAS BEEN REDUCED TO ORDINARY MEMBER CCP. SAYS IF TRUE, CHIAO HAS LOST NOT ONLY FM POST, BUT ALSO MORE IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP IN PARTY CENTRAL CMTE. NOTES OTHER DEVELOPMENTS NOW TAKING PLACE AS CHIAO'S WHEREABOUTS SHROUDED IN SECRECY: HUANG HUA REPORTEDLY LEAVING UN POST BECAUSE OF ILLNESS, WHILE CHEN CHU BEING RECALLED FROM TOKYO.

IN HK, LESLIE (LAT 11/28) OBSERVES THAT ALL OVER PRC SEEMS PURGE OF RADICALS IS BEING TURNED INTO MANDATE TO GALVANIZE NATION'S PROBLEM-PLAGUED ECONOMY--AND NEW LEADERSHIP HAS DONE NOTHING DISCOURAGE THESE RISING EXPECTATIONS.

CDN'S BEECH (11/27-28), IN TAIPEI, FINDS SITUATION THERE NORMAL: COUNTRY ENJOYING ECON SUCCESS; ITS BIGGEST/B-ST CUSTOMER/PROTECTOR, US, IS BILLION DOLS IN RED IN TRADE ACCOUNT; FEARS OF US SELLOUT TO PEKING CONSIDERED MORE REMOTE PROSPECT THAN AT ANY TIME IN RECENT YEARS.

11. PHILIPPINES

MCARTHUR (LAT 11/26) STATES COUNTRY'S TROUBLES BLAMED ON UNCLASSIFIED

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MARCOS, JOKINGLY REFERRED TO AS "HIS" AND "HERS". "HIS" MAJOR HEADACHE IS 1.8-MIL-TON SUGAR SURPLUS W/NO BUYERS; "HERS" IS UNFINISHED/EMPTY HOTELS. TOGETHER, PROBLEMS LIKELY COST NATION-MUCH AS 2 BIL DOLS THIS-YEAR. SUCH ECON DIFFICULTIES CAUSING DISCONTENT/UNCERTAINTY AT HOME.

STATES CRITICISM MORE WIDESPREAD THAN EVER, "EVEN AMONG SOME MEMBERS OF THE PALACE GUARD."

12. AUSTRALIA

CSM SEES DEVALUATION AS FURTHER STEP IN FRASER'S ATTEMPT BOLSTER ECONOMY, RATHER THAN AS ADMISSION OF SHORTCOMINGS. PRAISES MOVE, DESPITE POSSIBLE DAMAGE FRASER'S CREDIBILITY FROM FORMER STAND AGAINST DEVALUATION. FORESEES FUNDAMENTAL ADVANTAGE FOR AUSTRALIA'S TRADING PARTNERS IN RESTORATION COUNTRY'S STRONG ECONOMY. CONCLUDES THAT, ON BALANCE, CORRECTIVE MEASURES MODERATE ENOUGH CAUSE MORE POSITIVE THAN NEGATIVE EFFECTS.

13. JAPAN

BRINES (CSM) SAYS LOCKHEED INVESTIGATION HAS ILLUSTRATED BREAK IN TRADITION FOR JAPAN, WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD "SEPARATE CODE OF BRIBERY." CREDITS MIKI W/TAKING "UNHEARD OF" STEP "INTO DIRECT GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY." SAYS SCANDAL IS TRIUMPH, NOT TRAGEDY, IN SENSE THAT DEMOCRATIC GOVT WILLING/CAPABLE PUNISH LAWBREAKING IN ITS RANKS, INCL OFFICIALS WHO ARE SHOWN "HUMAN AS EVERYONE ELSE."

JOC EDIT ON STEEL INDUSTRY DEMANDS FOR "FAIR" PRICE LEVEL TO SUPPORT CAPITAL INVESTMENT CITES INDUSTRY'S ACCUSATION JAPAN-EUR UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES. JOC AGREES W/THOSE ADVOCATING INTL CODE OF TRADING PRACTICES TO COPE W/DIFFICULT SITUATIONS, BUT BELIEVES MUST SECURE IT THRU GATT NEGOTS. ROBINSON

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